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Myanmar's Suu Kyi to visit the US

Myanmar's de facto leader Aung San Suu Kyi has accepted an invite from Barack Obama to visit the United States, her government said yesterday, the first time the pair will meet since last year's landmark elections. "She accepted the invitation and will discuss a visit there at a mutually convenient time," Aye Aye Soe, a Ministry of Foreign Affairs official, told AFP.

Pakistan lawmakers debate honour killing

Pakistan's parliament yesterday debated bills aimed at tackling so-called honour killings and amending its rape law, officials said, following the murder of a social media star last week. Rights groups and politicians have for years called for tougher laws to tackle perpetrators of violence against women in Pakistan and the debate follows a slew of high-profile killings in the country.

Philippines' ex-leader Arroyo freed

Former Philippine president Gloria Arroyo was released from detention yesterday following nearly five years in a military hospital after the Supreme Court dismissed her corruption charges, her lawyer said. The 69-year-old, who suffers from a spinal illness, was accused of stealing \$8.8 million in state lottery funds.

Kickass Torrents boss arrested

The alleged boss of the world's biggest online piracy site, Kickass Torrents, was hit with US criminal charges Wednesday, accused of distributing over \$1 billion worth of illegally copied films, music and other content. The Justice Department unveiled a criminal complaint against Ukrainian national Artem Vaulin, 30, who was arrested in Poland and is wanted by the US for copyright infringement.

Thai junta shuts critical TV channel

Thai authorities have ordered an anti-junta television channel to stop broadcasting as the kingdom's military rulers tighten the screw on dissent ahead of a controversial referendum vote. The junta has banned campaigning ahead of an August 7 plebiscite on a new draft of a charter in what will be the first public vote of any kind since the military seized power two years ago.



Seoungju residents chant slogans during a protest against the government's decision on deploying a US THAAD anti-missile defense unit in Seoungju, in Seoul, South Korea, yesterday. The banner reads "Desperately oppose deploying THAAD". But President Park Geun-Hye insisted the move was a national security imperative.

Stop inciting violence

India tells Pakistan; asks to vacate its illegal occupation of PoK

After incessant provocation from Pakistan - which included its observing a "Black Day" to commemorate the deaths of those who have died in recent clashes in the Kashmir Valley - India yesterday issued a strong recrimination, stating that the violence was "led by UN-designated terrorists" who get "encouragement and support" from Pakistan. At least 40 people have died and more than 3,000 have been injured in the violence that erupted in Kashmir after Burhan Wani, a 22-year-old terrorist, was killed by security forces on the night of July 8. Home Minister Rajnath Singh has told Parliament that the Pakistani government has instigated the unrest to distract from its own domestic failures.

statement from the Foreign Ministry said yesterday adding that Islamabad must "refrain from its deplorable meddling in our internal affairs in any manner." Wani's death has been used by Pakistan at the United Nations and in near-daily statements to accuse India of atrocities in Kashmir. Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif referred to Wani, a commander of the Hizbul Mujahideen, as "a Kashmiri leader"; he has been eulogised by Pakistani officials. Wani's shooting incited large clashes between security forces and civilians, many of them stone-throwing protestors, who accuse the state of unrestrained force in dealing with dissent. Huge mobs have defied curfews to attack security bunkers, set police stations on fire, and seize weapons from army officers, a tactic propagated by Wani, who used social media to recruit other young men like himself for the Mujahideen, the largest terror group in Kashmir.



Only 2pc are Muslims

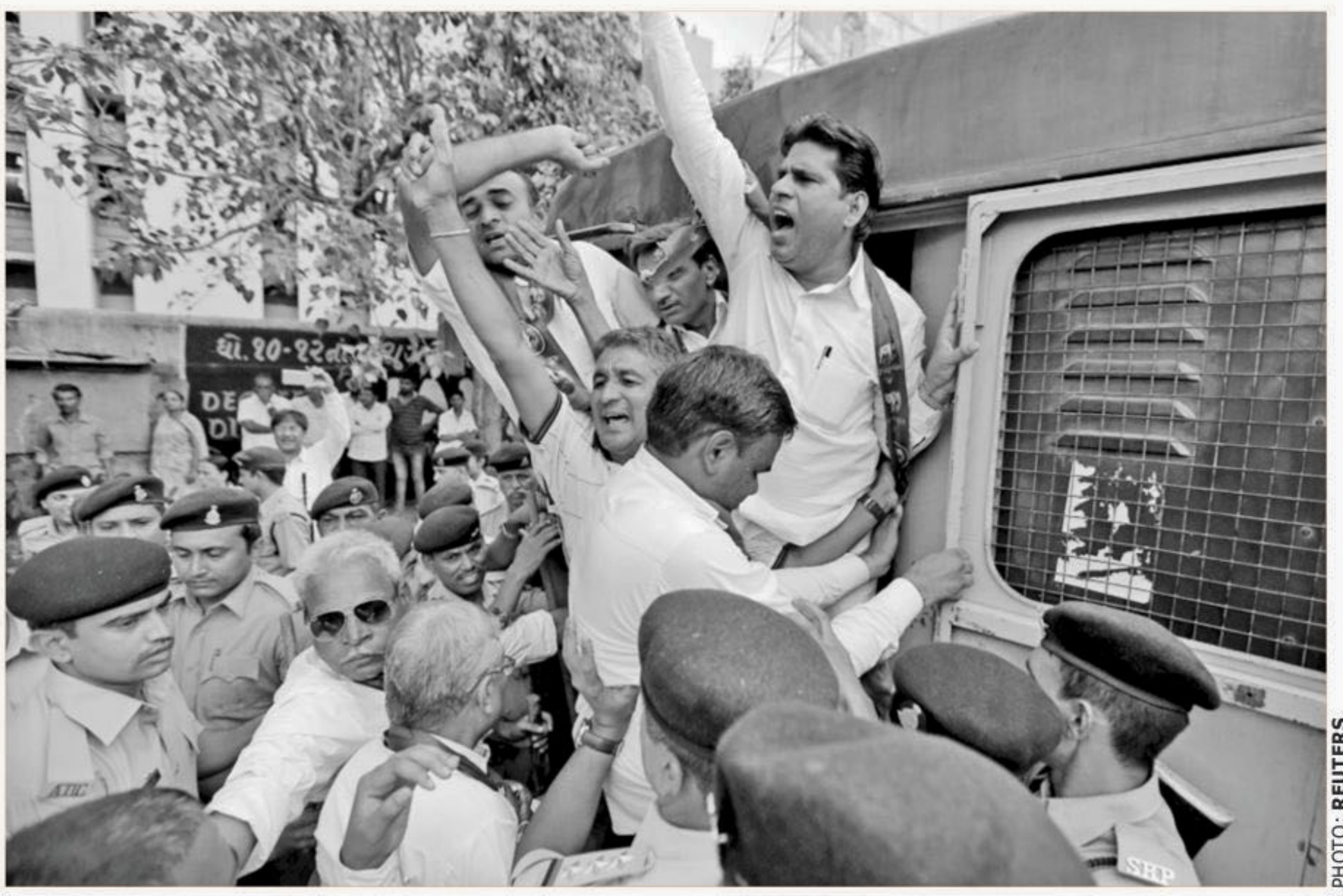
Census data undercuts Myanmar hardliners claim that Islam poses threat to Buddhism

Muslims make up just over two percent of Myanmar's population, government census figures showed yesterday, undercutting claims by Buddhist hardliners that Islam poses a threat to the dominance of their faith. Full details from the 2014 count, the first of its kind in decades, was withheld for almost a year to avoid stirring tensions in the Buddhist-majority nation ahead of elections that propelled Aung San Suu Kyi's pro-democracy party to power. Islamophobia has rippled across Myanmar in recent years, with Buddhist nationalists sending alarmist messages about the growth of the Muslim population. But the new data affirms that Buddhists make up 90 percent of the population of 51.48 million.

They are followed in number by Christians (6.3 percent) and Muslims (2.3 percent or over 1.1 million people). However, the survey does not include the one-million strong stateless Rohingya Muslim minority, who were banned from self-identifying during the census taking. Added together, their number doubles the country's share of Muslims to around four percent -- an estimate that has been in circulation since the last census in 1983. "Some were worried that there could be a significant difference in the numbers of each religion," Thein Swe, Minister of Labour, Immigration and Population told reporters in the capital Naypyidaw as he released the data. "But there is not much difference when compared with the census data in 1983." The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) said the figures should extinguish incendiary rhetoric.

China, Pakistan launch 1st joint border patrol

Chinese and Pakistan border troops have for the first time launched joint patrolling of the border connecting PoK with Xinjiang province amid reports that over 100 Uighurs have fled the restive region to join ISIS. The state media reported about the joint patrol even as Chinese President Xi Jinping asked the Chinese Muslims to practice their religion 'as part of Chinese society and direction'. The People's Daily Online yesterday published photos with a caption "frontier defence regiment of People's Liberation Army, along with a border police force from Pakistan, carry out a joint patrol along the China-Pakistan border".



Supporters of Bahujan Samaj Party shout slogans as they are detained by police during a protest against the flogging of four members of India's low-caste Dalit community accused of skinning a cow in Ahmedabad, India yesterday.

Indonesia guilty of genocide

Rules Int'l People's Tribunal on 1965 crimes against humanity

An international panel of judges has concluded that Indonesia's mass killings of 1965 were crimes against humanity, and that the United States, United Kingdom and Australia were all complicit in the crimes. Their report estimates that 400,000 to 500,000 people -- believed associated with the communist party, were killed by military deaths squads, but indicates that official secrecy around these numbers makes the actual figure hard to gauge, reports CNN. The panel, presided over by head judge Zak Yacoob, a former South African Constitutional Court Justice, held a four-day hearing in the Hague in November of last year, where they heard over 20 witnesses, some of whom gave evidence behind a screen to protect their identity. In their damning report issued Wednesday, the judges listed a number of allegations which they found to be well founded; including inhumane, ruthless torture, unjustifiable imprisonment and "forced labor that might well have amounted to enslavement."

Meanwhile, Jakarta yesterday rejected the findings of an international panel of judges that declared Indonesia had committed crimes against humanity in anti-communist killings during the 1960s in which it claimed the US, Britain and Australia were complicit, reports AFP. Foreign ministry spokesman Arrmanatha Nasir said Indonesia was under no obligation to follow the recommendations of the tribunal as they were "not legally binding". Security Minister Luhut Panjaitan criticised its conclusions, saying the killings were "none of their business, they are not our superiors and Indonesia has its own system". A spokesman for Australia's foreign affairs ministry said the court was "not a formal international court or tribunal, but a human rights NGO" and that Canberra rejected "any suggestion that it was complicit in any way in those events of 50 years ago". The British embassy in Jakarta declined to respond to the accusation of complicity in the killings and the American legation could not immediately be reached for comment.

100 dead or missing from China rains: officials

Torrential rain lashing northern China in recent days has left nearly 100 people dead or missing, official figures showed. At least 24 people in the provinces of Hebei, which surrounds Beijing, Shanxi, Henan and Shaanxi have been confirmed dead in a rainstorm that has been pounding the region since Monday, according to figures from the civil affairs ministry. Hebei was the worst hit, with 14 dead and 72 missing, it said in a statement late Wednesday. Around 123,000 people were evacuated in 11 cities across Hebei, and more than 7,000 houses were destroyed, it said, adding that traffic, power and communications were also disrupted. Northern China is normally arid but flooding is not uncommon during the summer monsoon season. In the summer of 2012 Beijing was lashed by the worst rains to hit the capital for more than 60 years and around 80 peo-

ple were killed. Heavy downpours have already wreaked havoc in southern China this year, causing floods in several major cities including Wuhan in the central province of Hubei. Since Saturday, 24 people have died as a result of rain in seven southern and central provinces, the civil affairs ministry said Wednesday. The Beijing city government issued an orange alert, the second highest in China's four-tier warning system, over the rain, and warned it could continue overnight, with a total of 100 mm (3.9 inches) of rain expected in some areas. More than 200 flights were cancelled at Beijing's main international airport, and a handful of subway stations shut, the government said. Pictures on social media showed cars making their way slowly through flooded streets in parts of the city. Some high speed rail services were also delayed, the rail authority said.

Indian 'ATM' gives out mother's milk

Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (Jipmer) has established a human milk bank to nourish and save preterm babies born in the hospital. The bank, named 'Amudham Thaipal Maiyam' (ATM), which will also offer breastfeeding counselling to mothers, was inaugurated on July 13. "As 30% of 1,500 babies born per month in Jipmer are of low birth weight and mostly preterm, there is a strong need to establish a human breast milk bank at NICU (neonatal intensive care unit) to strengthen neonatal services and save preterm babies," Jipmer director S C Parija said on Monday. He said such banks must be set up in all NICU facilities considering the complications associated with formula feeding of underweight and tiny preterm babies who cannot be breastfed till they are six months old. "If mother's milk is unavailable or insufficient, the next option is to use pasteurized donor human milk. Donor milk after collection will be heated to 62.5°C for 30 minutes and then cooled. It makes the milk germ-free and retains the biochemical and immunological components," he said. Parija said all healthy lactating mothers with healthy babies can volunteer to donate milk for other babies without compromising on the nutritional needs of their own child. "Mothers whose babies are in neonatal intensive care units, those who have lost their child but are willing to donate milk, lactating working staff in the hospital and motivated mothers from the community can donate," he said.

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০১। সংস্থার নাম : বাংলাদেশ লোক-প্রশাসন প্রশিক্ষণ কেন্দ্র, সাভার, ঢাকা-১৩৪৩
 ০২। দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং : ০২/২০১৬-১৭
 ০৩। মালামাল/কাজের বিবরণ ও স্থান : ক্রমিক ১৫ এর তালিকা অনুযায়ী
 ০৪। দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য : \$
 ০৫। দরপত্র সিডিউরিটি : \$
 ০৬। মালামাল/কার্য সম্পাদনের সময় : \$
 ০৭। দরপত্রাদাতা/তিকাাদারের যোগ্যতা : \$
 ০৮। বাজেট এবং অর্থের উৎস : কেন্দ্রের রাজস্ব বাজেট।
 ০৯। দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের স্থান : সহকারী পরিচালক (ক্রয় ও ভাণ্ডার), বিপিএটিসি, সাভার, ঢাকা
 ১০। দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের তারিখ ও সময় : অত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের তারিখ হতে আগামী ৭/০৮/২০১৬ তারিখ (অফিস চলাকালীন) পর্যন্ত
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 ১২। দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান : কেন্দ্রের পরিচালক (প্রশাসন) এর অফিস কক্ষে অথবা আঞ্চলিক লোক-প্রশাসন প্রশিক্ষণ কেন্দ্র, ৪৯, নিউ ইফটন রোড, ঢাকা।
 ১৩। দরপত্র খোলার স্থান, তারিখ ও সময় : পরিচালক (প্রশাসন) এর অফিস কক্ষ, বিপিএটিসি, সাভার, ঢাকা। ০৮/০৮/২০১৬ তারিখ বিকাল ০৩:০০ টা
 ১৪। Pre-Tender Meeting এর স্থান, তারিখ ও সময় : পরিচালক (প্রশাসন) সম্মেলন কক্ষ (দোলনচাঁপা), বিপিএটিসি, সাভার, ঢাকা ০৩/০৮/২০১৬ তারিখ বিকাল ০৩:০০ টা
 ১৫। দরপত্র প্যাকেজ/আইটেমের নাম : \$

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| ০১ | কেন্দ্রের যানবাহন মেরামতের ওয়ার্কশপ তালিকাভুক্তকরণ | ১,৫০০/- | ১০,০০০/- | ০১ (এক) বছর | প্রকৃত যানবাহন মেরামতকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান |
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 ১৮। যে কোন কারণে কেন্দ্র কর্তৃক সর্বস্বত্ব সর্বস্বত্বকরণ/বিজ্ঞপ্তি সংশোধন/বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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